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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 14, 1998

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:49 p.m. on December 14, 1998, at the Los Angeles River Center, 570 West Avenue 26, Los Angeles, California.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, Arthur Eck, John Hisserich, Steve Horn, Michael Berger, Vice-Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Jeffrey Schwartz, and Jim Youngson. Quorum present.

4. Roll call of Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Arla Crane, Lesley Devine, David Green, George Lange, Linda Palmer, Rick Putnam, Don Robinson, Kenneth Warner, and Alan Kishbaugh, Vice-Chair, acting Chair. The following members were absent: Kathy Caldwell, Bonnie Carpenter, Chris Evans, Jeff Seymour, and Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda V. Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie

Collins, Senior Staff Counsel; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director, Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer, Program Development; Paul Edelman, Division Chief; Walt Young, Division Chief; Lisa Soghor, Design Services and Streisand Center Director; Reva Concoff, Chief of Staff; Bob Blumenfield, Director of Government Affairs; and Dawn De Vere, Board Secretary.

Representing the Office of the Attorney General was Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General.

4. Reports

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair and the Executive Director.

5. Oral reports by Division Chiefs.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Northern Division Chief.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Southern Division Chief.

6. Special presentation to Tim Miller in recognition of his ten years of service.

The Executive Director made a presentation to Tim Miller.

7. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Jill Swift, individual, on items 8 and 9.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Margot Feuer, representing Save Open Space, regarding septic issues at the Streisand Center and sole source contracts.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Soghor, and Ms. Devine.

Susan Nelson, representing Friends of the Santa Monica Mountains, on the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

8. Consideration of resolution amending the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Strategic Plan.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item and recommended that the Conservancy make a preliminary adoption of this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Ms. Devine and Mr. Lange.

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-125.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Hisserich, and Mr. Berger.

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 98-125.

9. Consideration of resolution approving the FY 1997/98 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Annual Report.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-126.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 98-126.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 10. Consideration of resolution adopting project plan and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, as the designee of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, acquire and develop, for park and open space purposes, three parcels totaling 1.03 acres located in the community of Eagle Rock, City of Los Angeles (APNs 5708-007-022, 5708-002-023, and 5708-002-021), and transfer the property to the City of Los Angeles.**

This item has been postponed.

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report for Dayton Canyon Estates, City of Los Angeles.**

Mr. Edelman presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown, Ms. Palmer, and Mr. Kishbaugh.

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-128. Mr. Green was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Mr. Berger.

On motion of Mr. Eck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 98-128.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Parcel Map 24602, 33057**

Mulholland Highway, Los Angeles County.

Mr. Edelman presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Messrs. Brown and Lange.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-129.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Mr. Berger.

On motion of Mr. Eck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 98-129.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 72 acres of land located in the Eastern Malibu Canyon viewshed, APNs 4456-033-002 and 003, from Sandra Bovenzi, Trustee, Natalie Douglas, and Ahman and Susan Shraibati. (This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.) [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Messrs. Brown and Kishbaugh.

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-130.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Question were propounded by Messrs. Hisserich and Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 98-130.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 14. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire Tonner Canyon property, Firestone Boy Scout Reservation, Los Angeles County. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)***

The Executive Director recommended that this item be heard in closed session.

Comments were made by Larry Kaplan, representing Trust for Public Land.

- 15. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of APN 4448-011-053 in the Fernwood area of Topanga Canyon and authorizing future acceptance if offered. [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Ms. Devine and Mr. Brown.

On motion of Ms. Devine, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-132.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 98-132.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 16. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of APN 4455-018-033 in the Cold Creek watershed from Betsy and Donald Cramer and authorizing future acceptance if offered. [Coastal Zone item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Mr. Brown and Ms. Palmer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-133.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 98-133.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 17. Consideration of resolution to waive first right of refusal on APN 2061-006-900, City of Agoura Hills.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-134.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 98-134.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

18. Minutes

The open session minutes of April 20, 1998 and November 16, 1998 were submitted for approval.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

The open session minutes of April 20, 1998 and November 16, 1998 were approved as submitted.

- 19. Closed Session (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) paragraphs (1)-(5) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Tucker Land Company*; *Los Amigos De Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Hill v. State of California*; *Brandon v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; and *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.**

The Chair called a closed session at 9:37 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss agenda items 13 and 19 and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority agenda items IV(a) and XII.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:23 p.m. and announced that instructions were given to the Attorney General regarding settlement of litigation and instructions were given to negotiators regarding the Tonner Canyon property.

20. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Horn, State Coastal Conservancy.

Comments were made by Mr. Horn.

Mr. Lange spoke regarding the Steelhead article.

Mr. Kishbaugh asked if the Board and Advisory Committee could receive a phone list.

Mr. Brown spoke regarding Steelhead in Malibu Creek.

Ms. Devine spoke regarding the retirement of Jean Dillingham.

Mr. Begley asked to have the meeting adjourned in his mother's memory.

Mr. Daniel thanked the staff for their help.

21. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on January 19, 1998.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m. in memory of Jeanne Joyce.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson